### A VALUABLE WEED.

The Teasel That is Used to Raise the

Nap on Cloth. ers who never saw a tease (spelled also teazel and teazle and even tassel) can imagine a fir cone or 'swamp cattail," set all over with little stiff hooks. It is the bur (or tassel or flower head or thistle top) of the plant dipsacus, and so identified is it with cloth dressing that this use of it gave it its botanical name, Dipsacus fullonum, or fuller's teasel.

However familiar to people who live in lands where the teasel is extensively grown the fact may be that the prickly heads of that plant are universally used to raise the nap on cloth, a multitude of persons in his country probably never heard of it and will be astonished to learn in what enormous quantities the plant is raised.

In France alone several thousand to the cultivation of the teasel. French manufacturers use many thousand dolrs' worth of the prickly heads and export thousands of tons of them, vald at perhaps millions of dollars. Hundreds of tons are produced in Aus-

The prickles of the teasel have a all knob at the end, and this, mounted on an elastic stem and set with as the utmost mechanical skill has never been able to rival, at all events at the same price.—New York Herald.

### A LOST MINE

The Tragic Legend That Is Associated
With Bald Mountain.

legend of a lost mine has given to Beid meantain, in Placer county, Colo., a fascinating interest for pros-pectors. Tradition is that early in the lifties of the last century three mea disappeared from an immigrant party oing over the old Gap trail. Search m was without avail, and they ere finally reported dead by the

Where or how they wintered no one knows, but the following spring, rag-ged, shoeless and demoralized, they filed into Michigan Bluff. Their blanwere converted into sacks, and them they brought gold dust to mount of \$10,000 or \$15,000.

ending but a single night within confines of civilisation and giving formation as to the location of eir large claim, they were followed their return trip, and a few weeks ter their murdered bodies were found one of the dreary canyons that scar face of the desolate peak.

Since then many a man has sought his lost mine, but apparently its imunity is as certain as that of the ire of Captain Kidd.—Philadel-

The fashion of building houses with he entrance doors practically on a val with the street gives the observing stroller on Fifth avenue some hu-morous glimpses of butiers on duty. In the house of one of the most fash-ionable families in town the butler can be seen standing behind the bronze grill and glass doors staring disconsoout at the passing throng for of the afternoon, while across street from this house the same kind of an entranceway often disloses a glimpse of a functionary of the same class seated in a poetical attude by a circular marble table, his end supported by his hand. Outside a hospital they are probably the addest looking men in New York. w York Press.

The Gordian Knot. on one of Uncle Sam's sailor's, a named Gordon, formerly serving e of our vessels in a West Indian on, was taken to the Naval hos-Washington he described with ne vividuess to his companions here his adventure with a shark off ne of the islands in the West Indies. "I had jest fell over the bulwarks," id the able seaman, "when along omes a big shark an' grabs me by the

What did ye do then, matey?' askd one of the patients. "I never disputes none with sharks," ald the sailor. "I let him have the "-Harper's Weekly.

A Composer's Compliment. Wagner once said he would prefer o go to Vienna to hear the waltzes of trauss to hearing Italian opera. On birthday of Mme. Strauss some years go she had as guests many celebrated ens. She passed around a fan on which the different composers and players were writing their names and excerpts from compositions of their When it reached Brahms be ed the first measure of the "Blue anube" waltz and signed beneath, "Not, I regret to say, by your devoted triend Johannes Brahms."

"Say, paw," said little Rollo, "why to they call George Washington the

"I dunno, son, unless it was because its country kept him hustling to keep out of trouble and then came to k at him as a sort of old fogy mybow."-Washington Star.

What He Wanted. "Be careful, young man. You know the old saying, 'Marry in haste and re-

ent at leisure." That's why I'm rushing things. What I want is leisure."-Exchange.

When fortune falls us the support nds of our prosperous days vanish. -Plantus

In the course of life how many persons stop on their way and fall be-cause, like Atalanta, they let the gold es seduce them.-Honore de Bal-

Proof.
"I guess their honeymoon is about

"What makes you think so?" He's quit coming home for his n sch."—Detroit Free Press.

ion without knowledge is like expe-tion to a man in the dark.—Newton.

to npany was giving performances, and some soldiers from the local barracks were engaged to act as supers. Their duties included the waging of a fierce agat in which, efter a stirring struggl. one army was defeated on a given signal from the prompter. For a few gights all went well, but on the Friday evening a special performance of the place was to be given under the patronage of the colone, and other officers of the garrison. The two armies met as usual at the end of the second act, when they fought and fought and kept on fighting, regardless of the agonized glare in the eye of their (actor) general, who hoarsely ordered the proper army to "Retreat, confound you." But the fight still went on, and soon the horrifled manager saw the wrong army being driven slowly off the stage, still fighting desperately. Down came the curtain amid rours of laughter, and the fuming manager hastened to ask the delinquents why they had failed to retreat on hearing the signal.

"Retraite," roared a burly fusileer whose visage had been badly battered, "and is it retraite ye'd have us, wid tria, England, Belgium, Poland and the colonel and all the officers in the boxes?"-London Scraps.

> Dickens' Characters Dickens bestowed many of his ficti-tious names on real fiesh and blood personages, says an admirer of the famous novelist. Indeed he and David Copperfield were not far apart, so far as salient features were concerned. Tracy Tupman was the happy counter felt of a man named Winters, who at the present day would be pounded or arrested for what is known in slang as ashing." Paul Dombey was an inralid nephew of the author, his right name being Harry Burnett. Dora Copperfield was a Miss Bendwell, with whom Dickens was in love at the early age of eighteen. Mrs. Bardell, who gave Pickwick the worst time in his life, was a scheming boarding house widow named Ann Ellis, Tommy Traddles was Colonel Froom Talfourd, for merly superintendent of Indian affairs in Canada. Miss Mowcher was a Miss Wilkes, Mrs. Skewton a Mrs. Campell; the abominable Squeers was Wil liam Shaw; the lovely Cheeryble brothers were cotton spinners and merchants of Manchester; the fat boy was a true to life character, and so was Captain Cuttle, one of the most attractive of all.

Didn't Impress Him. Shortly after his rise to the bench Judge Coleman had occasion to pro-nounce a life sentence upon a notori-

ous offender. In the course of his remarks the judge spoke with so much feeling and eloquence that many of the listeners were deeply affected. The prisoner, on the other hand, seemed to be quite indifferent, looking at the cell-ing and apparently giving no attention whatever to what was being said. After he had been remanded to jail one of the young lawyers had gone into the cell, curious to know how the criminal had felt when his honor was ing sectence upon him.

"What do you mean?" asked the con-"I mean when the judge was telling you you must go to prison for life." "You mean when he was talking to

"Yes."

"Oh, I never paid so attention to Dick Coleman. He sin't no public speaker nohow!"—Argonaut.

The Fate of the Fancy Set. James, aged seven, had been promoted. In recognition of this great event his father purchased for him the following things that James insisted were necessary:

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The father examined the outfit a few days after and found that it con-

One much chewed lead pencil furnished by the city, a scribbling pad with a few sheets on it, a tin fountain pen that did not work and never could have worked and a skate strap to hold the things together.

The father asked no questions. He instinctively knew what had become of the fancy implements of education. -New York Press.

Her Answer. An Atchison girl had a proposal of narriage and asked a week to think it over. She went to all of her married sisters. One, who used to be a belle, had three children, did all her own work and hadn't been to the theater or out riding since she was married. Another, whose husband was a promising young man at the time she was married, was supporting him. A third didn't dare say her life was er own when her husband was around, and a fourth was divorced. After visiting them and bearing their woes the heroine of this little tale went home, got pen, ink and paper and wrote an answer to the young man. You may think it was refusing him, but it wasn't. She said she could be ready in a month.-Atchison Globe.

Faith, Hope and Charity. A London weekly offered 2 guineas for a definition of faith, hope and charity. The winner is as follows: Faith, blind trust in a first page; hope, what investors are fed upon; charity, what some of them are likely to

That is certainly not bad, but this one is perhaps even better: Faith, the gift that saves mankind; hope, the gift that cheers mankind; charity, the gift that makes man kind.

be brought to.

The Dear Friends. "Fred didn't blow his brains out because you jilted him the other night," said girl friend No. 1. "He came over

and proposed to me." "Did he?" replied girl friend No. 2. "Then he must have got rid of them in some other way."

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"Did you buy it?" "Well, no; but I wish I had."-New York Harold.

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